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Air France-KLM finalizes its firm order for 25 Airbus A350

In the framework of its order initially announced in September 2011, Air France-KLM finalized this morning a firm order with the European manufacturer Airbus for 25 A350-900 plus a further 25 on option. The signing took place at the 50th International Air Show at Le Bourget near Paris, in the presence of Alexandre de Juniac, Chairman and CEO of the Air France-KLM Group as of 1 July 2013 and Fabrice Brégier, Chairman and CEO of Airbus.

This aircraft will reduce fuel consumption by over 15% compared to current aircraft and will also significantly reduce noise and gas emissions, confirming the Group's commitment to the environment and sustainable development.

In addition, Air France-KLM today signed a Memorandum of Understanding with Rolls-Royce on equipping its A350 with Trent XWB engines, including a section on their maintenance by Air France Industries KLM Engineering & Maintenance. The Group's aircraft maintenance division intends to be on the market for the maintenance of these engines.

Combined with the Boeing 787-9 order finalized in December 2011, this order aims to replace in the medium term the aircraft with 200/350 seats currently in the fleet and support the Group's growth. These acquisitions are scaled to a size that can be financed through cash flow generated from Group operations as from 2016.

Based on the provisional fleet plan, the first Boeing 787-9 aircraft will enter into service with KLM in 2016 and the first A350-900 will enter into service with Air France in 2018. In the future, the two airlines will operate both types of aircraft.

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